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POLISH MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE BARCIKOWSKI (S/S NO.7517973)

FOR THE DEPUTY SECRETARY FROM EUR - ARMITAGE, ACTING

1. WE HAVE INVITED THE POLISH MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, KAZIMIERZ BARCKIOWSKI, TO VISIT THE US AS OUR GUEST UNDER THE INTERNATIONAL VISITOR PROGRAM. BARCIKOWSKI, ACCOMPANIED BY HIS WIFE, TWO VICE-MINISTERS, AND FIVE STAFF AIDES WILL ARRIVE IN WASHINGTON ON SEPTEMBER 21 FOR A 9 DAY STAY WHICH WILL INCLUDE MEETINGS IN WASHINGTON AND VISITS TO FARMS, AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH STATIONS AND UNIVERSITIES IN SEVERAL STATES. ON SEPTEMBER 22, HIS ONLY FULL WORKING DAY IN WASHINGTON, BARCIKOWSKI WILL MEET AND LUNCH WITH SECRETARY BUTZ AND CONFER WITH MEMBERS OF

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CONGRESS.

2. BARCIKOWSKI HOLDS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT AND SENSITIVE PORTFOLIOS IN THE POLISH COUNCIL OF MINISTERS AND IS A CLOSE PERSONAL ADVISER TO POLISH COMMUNIST PARTY LEADER EDWARD GIEREK. CURRENTLY, HE IS A CANDIDATE MEMBER OF THE POLITBURO WITH FAR RANGING RESPONSIBILITIES FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF POLAND'S AMBITIOUS FOOD PROGRAM. HE HAS BEEN MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE SINCE FEB. 1974.

3. OUR EMBASSY HAS RECOMMENDED THAT, IN VIEW OF BARCIKOWSKI'S INFLUENTIAL POSITION IN THE POLISH LEADERSHIP, HE BE RECEIVED AT THE HIGHEST POLITICAL LEVEL IN THE DEPARTMENT. THE SECRETARY WILL BE OUT OF TOWN ON THAT DATE. POLISH AMBASSADOR TRAMPCZYNSKI HAS REQUESTED, THEREFORE, THAT YOU MEET WITH BARCIKOWSKI DURING HIS SHORT STAY HERE. ALTHOUGH A CALL ON YOU WOULD NECESSARILY BE BRIEF AND ESSENTIALLY PROTOCOLARY IN NATURE, WE BELIEVE IT IMPORTANT THAT YOU SEE BARCIKOWSKI AND WOULD STRONGLY URGE YOU TO RECONSIDER YOUR INITIAL DECISION TO DISAPPROVE SUCH AN APPOINTMENT.

4. REGARDING YOUR SCHEDULE ON SEPTEMBER 22, YOU HAVE AGREED TO MEET WITH SEATO SECRETARY GENERAL SUNTHORN AT 11:30 A.M. A PRE-BRIEF FOR THE EXPORT ADMINISTRATION REVIEW BOARD MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 23 IS SCHEDULED FOR 4:30 P.M. ON SEPTEMBER 22.

5. RECOMMENDATION: THAT YOU AGREE TO MEET WITH MINISTER BARCIKOWSKI AT 3:30 P.M. ON SEPTEMBER 22.

APPROVE DISAPPROVE

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